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OPGS News

GIRC Hours. *The Grant Information Resource Center (GIRC)* provides technical assistance and information about resources that improve community services in the District of Columbia for its “customers” -District government, nonprofit, and faith-based representatives. The primary focus is to assist customers who either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to strengthen their organizations. The GIRC will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m., by appointment only. Thursdays are reserved for previous GIRC users. To make an appointment call 202-727-8900.

Federal Opportunities

Please note – if the link for a Federal Grant opportunity does not work, go to www.grants.gov and enter the CFDA # (found in our Grants Database <http://app.opgs.dc.gov/grantautomation/grantfinder.asp> by inputting the “Grant ID” number provided below).

Assets for Independence. *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to support programs that empower low-income families to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. Grantees provide financial education training on money management issues, and they assist participants with saving earned income in special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Participants use the IDAs to accumulate funds with the goal of acquiring a first home, post-secondary education, or starting up or expanding a small business.

Eligibility: State governments, nonprofit, faith-based and community-based organizations, and DC government agencies.

Deadline: January 15, 2010.

Funds: Awards range up to \$1,000,000. A match is required.

Information: AFI Resource Center at (866) 778-6037 or afiprogram@acf.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/afi/applying.html>.

GrantID: GD3578

Statewide Consumer Network Grant. *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to enhance statewide consumer run organizations to promote service system capacity and infrastructure development to be consumer-centered and targeted toward recovery and resiliency, and consumer-driven by promoting the use of consumers as agents of transformation. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, this program seeks to address the needs of underserved and under-represented consumers: consumers with histories of trauma, veterans, or those who have been involved in the criminal justice system; and/or to promote activities related to partnership development, coalition building, legacy planning, and economic empowerment as part of the recovery process for consumers.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, faith-based and community-based organizations.

Deadline: November 25, 2009.

Funds: \$1,300,000 is available to fund 19 awards, ranging up to \$70,000.

Information: Mary Blake at (240) 276-1747 or Mary.blake@samhsa.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/SM-10-004.aspx>.

State Single Point of Contact: This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

GrantID: GD3584

Statewide Family Network Grants. *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to enhance State capacity and infrastructure to be more oriented to the needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and faith-based organizations.

Deadline: November 25, 2009.

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Funds: \$2,670,000 is available to fund 42 awards ranging up to \$60,000.

Information: Elizabeth Sweet at (240) 276-1925 or Elizabeth.sweet@samhsa.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/SM-10-003.aspx>.

State Single Point of Contact: This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

GrantID: GD3582

District Opportunities

AmeriCorps*State Grants. *Serve DC* announces funds to support Americorps members serving community organizations. Special consideration will be given to projects that address the following priorities: education; healthy futures; clean energy/environment; veterans; economic opportunity; emergency preparedness; and Baby Boomers/senior citizens.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and DC government agencies.

Deadline: November 17, 2009.

Pre-Application Technical Assistance Sessions: Applicants are required to attend one of the following technical assistance sessions: October 20, 2009, from 5-7pm in the 11th Floor City-Wide Conference Center at One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street, NW) Conference Room 1117; October 26, 2009, 5-7pm in the 11th Floor City-Wide Conference Center at One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street, NW) Conference Room 1117; November 4, 2004 from 2-4pm (conference call). Conference call information will only be available to those who RSVP.

Funds: Awards start at \$65,000. A match is required.

Information: Natalie Wasserman at (202) 727-9579 or natalie.wasserman@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgs.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>.

GrantID: GD3579

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Child and Family Services	FY2010 Volunteer Mentor Partnership	October 15, 2009
Office of the State Superintendent of Education	Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants	October 16, 2009

Foundations

Books Across America. *The NEA Foundation* announces funds to support public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries.

Eligibility: Public Schools. Applicants must be a practicing preK-12 school librarian, teacher, or education support professional in a U.S. public school in which at least 70 percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

Deadline: October 15, 2009.

Funds: 50 awards are available up to \$1,000 per award.

Information: Anita Merina at (202) 822-7289; or go to: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/books-across-america/>.

GrantID: GD3580

Typical or Troubled?™ School Mental Health Education Grant Program. *American Psychiatric Foundation* announces funds to implement the *Typical or Troubled?™* School Mental Health educational model. Typical or

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Troubled?™ is an educational program, designed for school personnel (teachers, coaches guidance counselors, etc...) to raise their awareness of mental disorders in teens. The program focuses on promoting the importance of early recognition and treatment, recognizing the early warning signs of mental health problems, and encouraging action and appropriate referral to a mental health professional.

Eligibility: Public schools, nonprofit and community-based organizations.

Deadline: October 30, 2009.

Funds: Awards range from \$1,500-\$2,500.

Information: Jill Cook at jcook@schoolcounselor.org; or go to:

<http://www.psychfoundation.org/GrantAndAwards/Grants/TypicalorTroubled.aspx>.

GrantID: GD3583

Announcements and Resources

Public Health Policy Series. The DC Department of Health (DOH) invites you to their Third Thursdays Public Health Policy Series, a lunchtime, brown bag event to discuss the development of collaborative strategies and solutions for inclusion in a couple of upcoming grant applications. The meeting will be held Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at 825 North Capitol St., NE in Conference Room 4131. The topic of discussion is “Communities Putting Prevention to Work: DC’s approach to building healthy communities.” The Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant guidance can be downloaded from www.grants.gov under Recovery Act opportunities. The grants within this announcement relate to Obesity, Physical Activity and Nutrition and the other focuses on Tobacco. If you would like to attend this event or future events in this series please RSVP to Ms. Robin Lewis at robin.lewis2@dc.gov.

Information Sought for Chronic Care Initiative. The DC Department of Health (DOH) intends to release a second round of funding in the Chronic Care Initiative in about six weeks and is soliciting advice as to what methods and topics to emphasize. The funding will focus upon solving a substantial public health issue for persons facing any of six legislatively mandated targets: hypertension, chronic kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, obstructive lung disease, and diabetes. The grantee should aim to learn how to substantially mitigate the problem and then generalize the approach to affect most people living with the problem in DC, and work to sustain the gains past the funding period. In addition, some funds will be allocated to developing measures from Medicaid and Alliance claims and encounters. But much remains to be decided. There will be a general discussion on Oct 7 at 1 pm in Room 4151, 825 N Capitol St, NE, Washington, DC 20002; or comments can be sent to ChronicCareInitiative@dc.gov – or mail comments to Geraldine Pierce, c/o Dr. Joanne Lynn, Bureau Chief, Cancer and Chronic Disease, District of Columbia Department of Health’s Community Health Administration, 825 N. Capitol St., NE, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20003. Please include contact information in case the Bureau needs to follow-up on your comments. For more information and to receive a copy of the entire RFI contact Ginger Pierce at 202.442.5892 or email ginger.pierce@dc.gov.

Samsung's Four Seasons of Hope Offers Technology Donation Competition. Samsung’s Four Season’s of Hope invites students, parents, and teachers to help improve technology in classrooms by submitting a brief essay for the opportunity to receive a portion of over \$1 million in technology from Samsung Electronics America's Four Seasons of Hope campaign. Participants are invited to submit hundred-word essays on how the consumer electronics, computer equipment and software awarded through Samsung's Four Seasons of Hope could benefit their school. Participants should nominate a public or state-accredited private school for grades K-12 in their community. Complete contest rules and online entry forms are available at http://pages.samsung.com/us/4seasons_hope/education.jsp.

Previous Announcements and Resources

Gear Up for Giving: Social Media Tutorials for Nonprofits. Gear Up for Giving: Social Media Tutorials for Nonprofits is a month-long series of trainings designed to help nonprofits understand how to best leverage social

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media to create awareness for your cause, raise funds, and engage with new constituents. In the introductory video, issues addressed include: how social media affects monitoring and control of your brand; using social media for fund- and friend-raising; and who within your organization should be responsible for social media. After you've watched this video, browse other resources on some of the most popular social media tools and techniques, so you can learn more at your own pace. You can also view live presentations every Thursday at 1pm EST. To access the resource, go to <http://www.casefoundation.org/social-media-tutorials>.

Free Positive Youth Development Training. Introduction to Positive Youth Development (PYD), a new self-paced online course developed by the Family and Youth Services Bureau's National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth, will familiarize you with the theory and practice of PYD. When you take the course's two modules, you'll learn: the internal and external influences that help young people thrive; how to build individual strengths in youth; and how to create positive places for young people. For more information about PYD, see Putting Positive Youth Development into Practice and other NCFY publications at <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/publications/pyd/index.htm>. Access the online course at: <http://ncfy-learn.jbsinternational.com/course/category.php?id=3>.

National AllyKatz Tween Summit for Girls. AllyKatz.com is hosting a National Tween Summit for girls ages 9-14 and teen volunteers 15-18. The aim of the summit is to allow girls to voice their thoughts and opinions on international, national, and local issues without the influence or intimidation of adults. They will also get the opportunity to voice their thoughts in front of a panel of politicians and media personnel. The event is Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the Capital Hilton Hotel. To learn more and to register, go to: <http://allykatz.com/page/summit/>.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Sponsored by *Prudential Financial, Inc.* in partnership with the *National Association of Secondary School Principals*, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5-12 at the local, state, and national level. Ten honorees in grades 5-12 will be given a cash award of \$5,000 plus a grant in the same amount to the nonprofit charitable organization of their choice for outstanding work in their communities. Applications are due November 2, 2009. For more information visit: <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc/15440>.

Applications Available for 2010 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards. District of Columbia businesses and nonprofit organizations may now apply for the 2010 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards. Administered by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), the awards program is in its second year and will recognize winners in seven categories. The awards recognize environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention and resource conservation in the following categories: Construction/Development; Partner (Association or Nonprofit); Restaurant/Food Service; Innovation in Green Products or Services; Hotel; Small Business (100 or fewer employees); and Large Business (More than 100 employees). Applications and instructions can be found at <http://ddoe.dc.gov/awards>. The application period ends January 29, 2010, and awards will be distributed in the spring.

Celebrating Solutions Awards. *Mary Byron Project*, a national organization working to address the root causes of domestic violence and help build safer, healthier communities announces awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. The program provides cash awards of \$10,000 to each organization. The awards would be presented to programs that can serve as models for the nation in their efforts to reduce violence. Eligible applicants are non-profits organizations and government agencies. Application deadline is November 17, 2009. For guidelines and nomination forms go to: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>.

Competition: Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing. *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)* announces an online, open source competition co-sponsored by RWJF's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio and Changemakers, that challenges organizations to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand our understanding and collective involvement in finding solutions. The deadline for applications is October 14,

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2009. For more information and to download the application, go to <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20881>.

Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway: Christie Cookies has decided to use the celebration of its 25th anniversary by creating The Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway. From now until October 15, people can nominate their favorite charities to win. The most-nominated charity will receive a check for \$10,000. The runner-up wins \$5,000 and 10 more will receive \$1,000 each. Nominations can be made online at www.ChristieCookies.com in a simple, less than two-minute contest with one entry per person/email.

Do Something Save Our Music Contest

VH1 and Do Something are calling on you to lead the fight for music education in schools. From now until October 16th, take action - tell everyone to "Save Our Music!" Organize an instrument drive. Create viral videos on what music means to you. Run an awareness campaign in your school. The top 5 advocates will receive \$1,000 for their school music program and Rock Band Video game packages. One grand prize winner gets \$2500 in music funding and a Beatles Rock Band game system. Submit your projects by October 23, 2009, for a chance to win. Get started at: SaveOurMusic.org.

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